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1. UNFORTUNATELY REFTEL ARRIVED DURING LONG ID-AL-FITR WEEK-END AND WITH ONLY SKELETON CREW WORKING IT WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR ME TO READ UNTIL TODAY, WEDNESDAY. THEREFORE, THIS REPLY BEING PREPARED RATHER QUICKLY SO THAT REQUESTED SEPTEMBER 6 DEADLINE CAN BE MET. POSSIBLE WE MAY WISH MAKE FURTHER COMMENTS AFTER WE HAVE HAD MORE TIME TO DIGEST INFO CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. ALTHOUGH TOTAL AMOUNTS BEING TALKED ABOUT FOR SUDAN ARE CLOSE TO FIGURES WE USED IN OUR ANNUAL BODGET SUBMISSION AND COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, WE NOTE THAT FY 80 DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE LEVELS (PARA 2C) ARE SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW WHAT WE HAD PROJECTED. PL-480 ABOUT RIGHT. HOWEVER, SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROGRAMS ARE CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL OF "ENHANCEMENT" LEVELS. IF CONTINGENT PROGRAMS ARE NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTED OR APPROVED OUR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE STRATEGY WILL BE EMASCULATED.
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3. SIMILARLY, IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AREA WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN AFRICAN STABILIZATION FUND MENTIONED PARA 4-C REFTEL. THIS COULD BECOME CRUCIAL ELEMENT US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE EFFORT HERE AND ALMOST CERTAINLY NIMEIRI WILL ASK FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS SORT OF ASSISTANCE DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT SEPTEMBER 21. HOWEVER, AS INDICATED REFTEL NOT RPT NOT

YET CLEAR WHETHER FUND WILL BE APPROVED OR IF IT IS EXACTLY WHEN FUNDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE OR HOW IT WILL BE DEFINED AND ADMINISTERED. THEREFORE, WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT TALKED ABOUT IT WITH SUDANESE NOR ARE WE YET ASSUMING IT WILL BE AVAILABLE, IN TERMS OUR PLANNING WITHIN EMBASSY.

4. IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE AREA SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NUMBERS QUOTED PARA 5 ARE SOMEWHAT ARTIFICIAL IN SENSE THAT US MILITARY SALES TO SUDAN, IN TERMS DOLLAR VALUE, ARE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER. THEY DO NOT RPT NOT SHOW IN REFTEL BECAUSE SALES ARE FINANCED BY SAUDI ARABIA. HOWEVER, EMBASSY STAFFING AND SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS (E.G. COMMISSARY, GSO SUPPORT, ETC.) ARE AFFECTED BY OVERALL PROGRAM. DURING FY 79 AND FY 80 WE EXPECT TO BE SUPPORTING SOME \$300 TO 400 MILLION IN SALES ARISING FROM C-130, F-5, AIR DEFENSE RADAR AND OTHER PROGRAMS.

5. EMBASSY RECENTLY AUTHORIZED TWO ADDITIONAL AMERICAN ADMIN POSITIONS, AND AF/EX HAS REQUESTED THIRD C&R POSITION FROM M. WE HAVE ALSO REQUESTED ANOTHER CONSULAR OFFICER. APPEARS WE SHALL BE NEEDING ANOTHER AMERICAN SECRETARY BEFORE LONG. MILITARY SALES PROGRAM HAS PLACED GREAT STRAINS ON SMALL TWO-MAN DAO. THIS OFFICE NEEDS AT LEAST ONE MORE OFFICER AS WELL AS AN NCO AND SOME LOCAL STAFF. AMBASSADOR STRONGLY BELIEVES DAO SHOULD HANDLE FMS, IMET AND OTHER MILITARY ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, DOD HAS PROPOSED SEPARATE OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION, AND WHOLE MATTER APPEARS MIRED IN BUREAU-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. MOST SIGNIFICANT GROWTH WILL BE IN AID. PRESENTLY THERE ARE EIGHT AMERICAN DIRECT HIRE AID EMPLOYEES HERE (PLUS ONE PASA). FOUR ADDITIONAL USDH POSITIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND ANOTHER FOUR ARE LIKELY TO BE APPROVED DURING FY 79. AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT ARE PROJECTED FOR FY 80 SO THAT BY FY 80 AID OFFICE SHOULD BE THREE TIMES PRESENT SIZE. MOREOVER, WE EXPECT THAT SOME 65 AID CONTRACT EMPLOYEES WILL BE IN SUDAN AS WELL AS PERHAPS 10 OR SO DOD CONTRACTORS.

7. THUS EMBASSY SHOULD EXPAND CONSIDERABLY AS MAJOR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FINALLY GET UNDERWAY. ASSUMING AID AND OTHER EXPANSION CONTINUES AS PROJECTED, SEEMS THAT SOME ADDITIONAL EMBASSY EXPANSION MAY ALSO BE NEEDED, BUT PROBABLY NOT UNTIL FY 81, ASSUMING POSITIONS REQUESTED ALREADY ARE APPROVED. THIS PROBABLY MEANS THAT EMBASSY KHARTOUM WILL, BY FY 80, BE AMONG THE LARGEST POSTS IN AFRICA. HOWEVER, THIS WILL REFLECT RELATIVELY LARGE SIZE OF OUR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WHICH IN TURN REFLECT CLOSE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN US AND SUDAN AND OUR POLICY TO ACCELERATE SUPPORT FOR SUDAN IN LIGHT OUR OVERALL

ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES IN REGION. KEY, IN ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE AREA, HOWEVER, IS APPROVAL "ENHANCEMENT" LEVELS
AND WE URGE THAT STRONG EFFORT BE MADE TO OBTAIN THESE
FUNDS.

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